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SUBJECT: GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS--AD HOC GROUP MEETING

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SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH GENERALLY AGREEING WITH OUR APPROACH TO
THE NEXT AD HOC GROUP MEETING, ACTING SYG PANSAL QUESTIONED
THE ADVISABILITY OF EMPHASIZING THAT WE DO NOT "CONDONE
A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GREECE AND NATO", AND MENTIONED
THAT THE FIRST AD HOC GROUP MEETING WOULD BE HELD
APRIL 28. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA 6 BELOW.

END SUMMARY.

1. ON APRIL 13, THE AMBASSADOR REVIEWED WITH PANSAL
AND ASSISTANT SYG MUMFORD OUR APPROACH TO THE AD HOC GROUP
NEGOTIATIONS ON GREECE-NATO RELATIONS AND THE POINTS WE WOULD
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PLAN TO MAKE AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE GROUP.

2. PANSAL THOUGHT OUR POINTS WERE REASONABLE, BUT SUG-
GESTED WE RECONSIDER OUR INTENTION TO AFFIRM IN THE AD
HOC GROUP THAT "THE USG DOES NOT CONDONE A SPECIAL RELA-
TIONSHIP BETWEEN GREECE AND NATO". PANSAL WAS CONCERNED THAT
THE TURKS MIGHT SEIZE ON THIS PHRASE AND INSIST, AT SOME
STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, THAT AN OTHERWISE SATISFACTORY
ARRANGEMENT WORKED OUT BETWEEN GREEK AND NATO AUTHORITIES WAS
NOT ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE IT WAS SOMEHOW "SPECIAL". IN

A SENSE, PANSA ARGUED, ALL ALLIES HAVE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATO, AND HE BELIEVED THE US PRESENTATION TO THE AD HOC GROUP WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE IF WE EMPHASIZE OUR OBJECTIVE OF FULL GREEK PARTICIPATION RATHER THAN OPEN A DISCUSSION AS TO WHETHER ELEMENTS OF THE GREEK RELATIONSHIP WERE "SPECIAL".

3. PANSA SAID HIS THINKING ABOUT THE PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF THE FIRST AD HOC GROUP MEETING WERE CONSONANT WITH US OBJECTIVES. HE INTENDED TO ASK DELEGATIONS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE JANUARY 27 GREEK PAPER, AND THEN TO SUGGEST AN EXAMINATION OF THE ISSUES COVERED BY THE PAPER TO SEE WHICH MIGHT BE HANDLED THROUGH TECHNICAL AND MILITARY CHANNELS, AND WHICH, LIKE NADGE, REQUIRED EARLY ATTENTION. PANSA ACCEPTED THE NEED TO SATISFY TURKISH CONCERNS AND SENSIBILITIES IN A WAY THAT WOULD LEAVE OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF MILITARY/ TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS.

4. PANSA ALSO STATED THAT THE FIRST AD HOC GROUP MEETING WOULD BE HELD ON APRIL 28, RATHER THAN DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 18. HE EXPLAINED THAT TURKISH AMBASSADOR KIRCA HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THIS ISSUE TO THE DPC PRIOR TO THE AD HOC GROUP MEETING, AND THAT THE TURKISH STATEMENT WOULD BE MADE ON APRIL 22. PANSA SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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LEARN THE NATURE OF THE TURKISH PRESENTATION AND REMARKED THAT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO CONSIDER FURTHER HOW TO HANDLE THE OPENING MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP IN LIGHT OF KIRCA'S STATEMENT.

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT PANSA'S VIEW ON OUR STATING THAT THE USG DOES NOT "CONDONE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" IS SENSIBLE. WE BELIEVE WE CAN CONVEY THE SAME MESSAGE WITHOUT THE POSSIBLE DRAWBACKS PANSA FORESAW, AND ASSUAGE TURKISH CONCERNS, BY COUCHING THIS POINT IN TERMS OF OUR OBJECTIVE OF FULL GREEK PARTICIPATION. END COMMENT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THIS SENTENCE IN PARA 4 REFTEL.
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